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SUBJECT: PETER LORENZ ON BERLIN VIABILITY

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ALLIED SENAT LIAISON OFFICERS
IN LATE JUNE, BERLIN CDU PARTY CHAIRMAN PETER LORENZ
ENGAGED IN A BIT OF OFF THE RECORD SPECULATION ON
HOW HE MIGHT APPROACH PROBLEM OF IMPROVING AND
STRENGTHENING BERLIN VIABILITY WERE HE IN POSITION
OF GOVERNING MAYOR OR MINISTER FOR INNER-GERMAN
AFFAIRS. LORENZ REMAINS FIRMLY CONVINCED HE WOULD
RECEIVE INNER-GERMAN PORTFOLIO WERE CDU/CSU TO WIN
OCTOBER 3 ELECTIONS. LORENZ SAID IN SUCH A CASE
HE WOULD APPTERN MINISTER' ROLE AFTER EXAMPLE SET
BY EGON BAHR, COMBINING PRESENT ROELS OF SPANGENBERG
AND FRANKE SO THAT HE COULD SPEND CONSIDERABLE TIME
IN BERLIN AND AT SAME TIME HAVE CABINET LEVEL RANK
AND INFLUENCE TO WORK ON BERLIN'S BEHALF.

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2. ON THE SUBJECT OF FEDERAL PRESENCE, LORENZ

CONCEDED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO AGREE WITH POSITION TAKEN BY CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT REFTEL A THAT BERLIN'S VIABILITY BENEFITS RELATIVELY LITTLE FROM THE SIMPLE PROLIFERATION OF FEDERAL OFFICES IN THE CITY. LORENZ NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE POLITICIALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO EXPRESS SUCH A VIEW PUBLICLY AT THIS TIME. HE WAS ALSO QUICK TO POINT OUT THAT HE DRAWS SHARP DISTINCTION BETWEEN NATIONALSTIFTUNG, WHICH HE FEELS MUST BE LOCATED IN WEST BERLIN, AND OTHER, TOEKN FEDERAL OFFICES, WHOSE ONLY REAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY IS THE ADDITION OF ONE MORE BRASS PLATE ON SOME DOOR. LORENZ LEFT NO DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD ADAMANTLY OPPOSE ANY DRAWING DOWN OF EXISTING FEDERAL PRESENCE IN BERLIN. THIS, HE MADE CLEAR, WOULD BE FATAL TO THE CITY.

3. RATHER THAN TRYING TO BRING NEW FEDERAL INSTITUTES TO BERLIN, LORENZ FEELS GREATER EFFORT SHOULD BE DIRECTED AT ATTRACTING INTERNATIONAL BODIES AND INSTITUTES, PARTICULARLY FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. DESPITE REMINDERS FROM SENATE LIAISON OFFICERS ABOUT KNOWN SOVIET OPPOSITION TO BERLIN TIES WITH THE EC.

LORENZ PERSISTED IN HIS BELIEF THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT WITH LITTLE OR NO PROTEST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH BODIES IN WEST BERLIN.

4. SPEAKING ONLY IN THE BROADEST GENERAL TERMS LORENZ INDICATED HE BELIEVES ONLY REAL WAY TO REVITALIZE CITY IS TO EFFECT CONCRETE PROGRAMS TO BOOST ITS ECONOMY. NEW JOBS MUST BE CREATED, EITHER BY THE GOVERNMENT OR THROUGH INCENTIVES TO PRIVATE BUSINESS, AND A GREATER EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO ATTRACT MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TO BERLIN.

5. AT ONE POINT IN HIS MONOLOGUE, AND AFTER BRIEFLY NOTING THAT HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH ALLIED POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, LORENZ EXPRESSED WITH CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS THE VIEW THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SHOULD DO MORE TO

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LINK THE FUTURE OF DETENTE POLICIES IN GENERAL WITH THE SUCCESSFUL WORKING OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. LORENZ SAID HE FELT THE US SHOULD MAKE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO THE SOVIETS THAT THE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS IN OTHER AREAS OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS MUST BE CLOSELY LINKED TO THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE QA. AS AN AFTER THOUGHT, LORENZ ADDED FOR THE BENEFIT OF FRENCH AND BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AT THE

MEETING THAT THEY FELT THEY TOO SHOULD MAKE
THIS POINT TO SOVIETS.

6. COMMENTING IN GENERAL ON RELATIONS WITH EASTERN
BLOC COUNTRIES, LORENZ REPORTED THAT CDU CHANCELLOR
CANDIDATE HELMUT KOHL HAD TOLD HIM FOLLOWING TRIPS
TO BULAGRIA, ROMANIA, AND YUGOSLAVIS AND AFTER TALKS IN
BONN WITH POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK
THAT LEADERS IN ALL OF THESE COUNTRIES WANT TO LIVE
IN PEACE AND HARMONY WITH THE FRG, AND THAT ONE OF
THEM ARE INTEESTED IN MAKING TROUBLE OVER BERLIN.
LORENZ REPORTED THAT KOHL AND TOLD HIM THAT THE
BULAGRIANS IN PARTICULAR HAD INDICATED THEY HAD NO
PARTICULAR LOVE FOR THE EAST GERMANS, AND NO DIRECT
INTERST IN BERLIN QUESTONS, BUT WERE FORCED TO FOLLOW
A HARD LINE ON ISSUES SUCH AS ALLIED TURKISH WORKER
FLIGHTS BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN FLATLY ORDERED TO DO SO
BY THE SOVIETS.
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